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Establish Reward Offer in Double Murder of Christopher Baez and David Hernandez

On Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 17-year old Christopher Baez and 18-year old David Hernandez were walking on the 7600 block of Bell Avenue in unincorporated Florence-Firestone where they lived within blocks of each other. At approximately 1:43 p.m., as Christopher and David headed in the direction of their respective homes, witnesses observed three individuals in a car pull up alongside them and fire several gunshots. The victims were able to travel a short distance before they collapsed on the sidewalk. Christopher sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the torso and was pronounced dead at the scene. David also suffered multiple gunshot wounds to the torso. He was transported to Saint Francis Medical Center where he was subsequently pronounced dead.

After shooting the victims, the suspects fled the location, traveled east toward a nearby alley and then south on Crocker Boulevard before disappearing out of view. The suspects are described as three Hispanic males driving in a late model, possibly silver,

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Chevrolet Impala.

Christopher was the youngest of five siblings and lived at home with his parents and two of his brothers. He graduated from East Beverly High School after transferring from Huntington Park High School. Christopher was planning to attend Los Angeles Trade Technical Community College. David also attended Huntington Park High School and lived with his parents and siblings. Since the age of 7, David had aspired to become a professional boxer and regularly volunteered to teach boxing to the children in his neighborhood.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) detectives believe that there are witnesses in the neighborhood that may have observed the suspects leave the area. Detectives believe that a reward offer would be helpful in solving this heinous crime, thus bringing some sense of closure and justice to the families and friends of Christopher and David. Any individuals with information about this heinous crime are urged to contact the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the double murder of 17-year old Christopher Baez and 18-year old David Hernandez, who were shot on February 8, 2012 at approximately 1:43 p.m. in front of 7691 Bell Avenue in unincorporated Florence.

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Crime Stoppers

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